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SUBJECT:ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE--DERESTRICTION OF DOCUMENTS

REF: FEYPELL TO GRANT LETTER, APRIL 20

1. MISSION REQUESTED PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MME. FEYPELL FROM LINDSEY GRANT, IN REPLY TO REF LETTER ON THE SUBJECT OF DERESTRICTION OF DOCUMENTS.

A. I APPRECIATED YOUR LETTER AND WAS PLEASED TO SEE THE POSITIVE RESULTS OF YOUR EFFORTS ON THE SUBJECT OF A WRITTEN PROCEDURE FOR DERESTRICTION. WE FIND THE DRAFT DOCUMENT QUITE GOOD AND WILL BE INTERESTED IN SEEING OTHERS' REACTIONS AT THE JULY MEETING. I WOULD ONLY RAISE ONE SMALL POINT IN THE WAY OF CLARIFICATION: IN THE NEXT TO LAST PARAGRAPH, IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE 21-DAY PERIOD STARTS RUNNING THE DAY THE LIST IS DATED OR SENT OUT.

B. I WAS ALSO GLAD TO HEAR THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL BE PRESENTED AT ITS NEXT MEETING WITH THE PROMISED LIST OF
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CANDIDATES FOR DERESTRICTION. WE APPRECIATE THE

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SECRETARIAT'S EFFORTS ON THIS ITEM AS WELL.

C. FINALLY, ON THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE AB INITIO DERESTRICTION, I RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS A MUCH MORE COMPLEX SUBJECT. IN VIEW OF THE REACTION OF YOUR LEGAL ADVISERS AND THE COMPLEXITIES INHERENT IN THE ISSUE, WE WILL NEED TO DO SOME MORE HOMEWORK BEFORE OFFERING ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSAL. WHETHER WE WILL HAVE ANYTHING IN TIME FOR THE JULY MEETING IS MOOT.

D. I ASSUME THE U.S. MISSION HAS ALREADY CONTACTED THE SECRETARIAT SEPARATELY WITH SOME THOUGHTS WE HAVE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE PCB CONSULTATION. ROBINSON

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